

# A TIME TO REFLECT A TIME TO THANK

*Time flies and we are  
already at the half way  
mark of 2015.*

*WOW!!!*

As mentioned in our earlier letter, we have moved into a new area of sharing our Inside-Out Skills Training Program with the community partners. Thank God, we have completed our sessions at the **Youth Centre**. It was initially meant to connect with teen girls, in the end, their mothers joined in the fun-filled activities of learning life skill as well as a work skill on manicure/pedicure.



*Our trainer, Jean Marie, demonstrating her skills.*

We have also completed 2 runs of our 8-sessions program at the **The Turning Point (TTP)**, a halfway house for helping female substance abusers. Each batch of participants was about 20 residents. Our trainers enjoyed the sessions just as much as the learners! Counselling was also carried out by our trained counsellor with some assigned cases by TTP. Values added to our program!!



*Small group sharing*



*"Shiok!! To be pampered!!"*

At **AG Home**, a non-profit Christian home for helping troubled teenage girls, besides running our program like a befriender, we also have one of our volunteers, Penny, to demonstrate and teach the girls on simple baking. Look at the yummy, yummy photos of what some of the girls have done.....



**Mother's Day Celebration** with two different community partners, St Hilda's Community Services and Star Shelter. It's a joy to see the mothers so smiley and happy after being pampered by our manicurists. We have much to learn from all these communities involvement as it had taught us, especially our WIN (women-in-need), a sense of gratitude that we can be a blessing to others too.



Mum: "I look beautiful!"

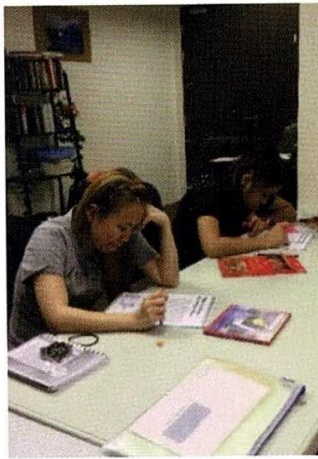


*Our manicurists at work!!*

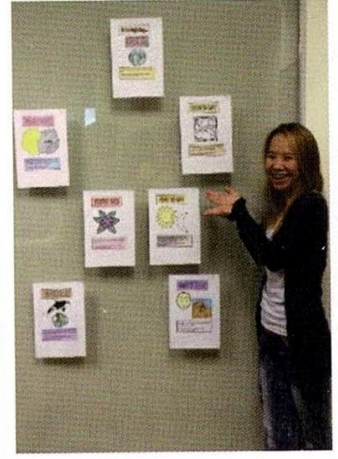
As we continue to reach out to our communities, we have also 2, referral and walk-in, new WIN at our **New Start Centre (NSC)** too. Look at how they enjoyed their learning at our centre.



*"Hey, my masterpiece!"*



*Focus on lesson*



*"Aiya! Mine's nice too!"*

## OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

We witnessed two water baptism on Easter Sunday. One of our WIN whose life has been transformed by God's grace from a timid, shy person to today a cheerful, self-assured young teen. Praise God!

The other person who was baptised is Kenny, the husband of our beauty trainer, Jean Marie, who has been praying for many years for his salvation. Kenny has a powerful testimony of how the Lord Jesus redeemed him from a destructive life-style of smoking and gambling to today a happy, God-seeking and God-pleasing person whose life is a role model for our WIN. Nothing is impossible for Christ as we seek Him sincerely with all our heart. Glory to His name!

GEM NSC takes up the challenge, by God's grace and strength, to help teen girls at risk and WIN from their destructive lifestyle. Witnessing the transformations of these girls is definitely very encouraging and this is why we press on with our Inside-Out Beauty Skill Training Program.

We need your continual support, help and prayers for us to touch and rebuild lives with a purpose. Thank you for journeying with us and we look forward to your continued partnership.

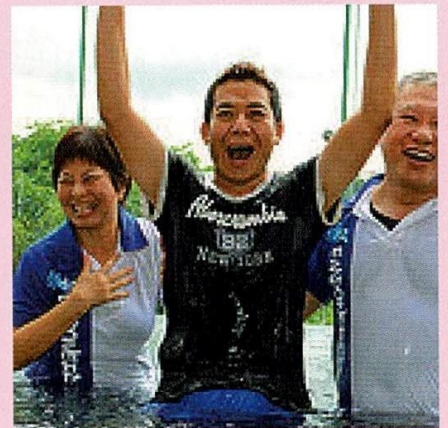
Shalom and blessings,  
**Mrs Caroline Kwan**, President  
**Rev Brenda Lim**, Centre Manager

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Thank You.



*Belle: "God is good!"*



*Kenny: "Hallelujah!"*



*"We are here for you!!"*

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